

**OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS
REAUTHORIZATION**

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization held a hearing entitled "Office of Government Ethics Reauthorization." Testimony was heard from Marilyn Glynn, Acting Director, Office of Government Ethics.

**BRIEFING—SHARING CLASSIFIED
INFORMATION AMONG FEDERAL
INTELLIGENCE PARTNERS**

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment met in executive session to receive a briefing on sharing classified information among Federal intelligence Partners: DHS access and information controls. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE REFORM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 435, Equal Access to Justice Reform Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Ryan W. Bounds, Chief of Staff, Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

ANIMAL ENTERPRISE TERRORISM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 4239, Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act. Testimony was heard from Brent McIntosh, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, OF 2007**

Committee on Rules: Testimony was heard from Representatives Rogers of Kentucky and Sabo, but action was deferred on H.R. 5441, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007.

**ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT,
AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2007**

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 5427, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order

against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the resolution. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

**CONSUMER DATA PROTECTION
PRACTICES**

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight held a hearing entitled "The Liabilities Driving Better Consumer Data Protection Practices." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**IMPACTS OF RAILROAD-OWNED WASTE
FACILITIES**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads held a hearing on Impacts of Railroad-Owned Waste Facilities. Testimony was heard from W. Douglas Buttrey, Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

IMPROVING CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing to review Proposals to Improve Child Protective Services. Testimony was heard from Cornelia Ashby, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO; and public witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
MAY 24, 2006**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for defense related programs, 9 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine progress of the Capitol Visitor Center construction, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: business meeting to consider the nomination of General Michael V. Hayden, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, 9:15 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine National Transportation Safety Board reauthorization, 9 a.m., SD-562.

Subcommittee on Disaster Prevention and Prediction, to hold hearings to examine 2006 hurricane forecast and at-risk cities, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider S. 1548, to provide for the conveyance of certain Forest Service land to the city of Coffman Cove, Alaska, S. 1529, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the city of Yuma, Arizona, S. 997, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest, Montana, to Jefferson County, Montana, for use as a cemetery, S. 2003, to make permanent the authorization for watershed restoration and enhancement agreements, S. 2028, to provide for the reinstatement of a license for a certain Federal Energy Regulatory Commission project, S. 2035, to extend the time required for construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Idaho, S. 2054, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the State of Vermont, S. 2150, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Bureau of Land Management Land to the City of Eugene, Oregon, S. 2373, to provide for the sale of approximately 132 acres of public land to the City of Green River, Wyoming, at fair market value, S. 2403, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to include in the boundaries of the Grand Teton National Park land and interests in land of the GT Park Subdivision, S. 2568, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail, S. Res. 468, supporting the continued administration of Channel Islands National Park, including Santa Rosa Island, in accordance with the laws (including regulations) and policies of the National Park Service, H.R. 394, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a boundary study to evaluate the significance of the Colonel James Barrett Farm in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of the Minute Man National Historical Park, H.R. 482, to provide for a land exchange involving Federal lands in the Lincoln National Forest in the State of New Mexico, H.R. 486, to provide for a land exchange involving private land and Bureau of Land Management land in the vicinity of Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, for the purpose of removing private land from the required safety zone surrounding munitions storage bunkers at Holloman Air Force Base, H.R. 1492, to provide for the preservation of the historic confinement sites where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II, and H.R. 4000, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise certain repayment contracts with the Bostwick Irrigation District in Nebraska, the Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District No. 2, the Frenchman-Cambridge Irrigation District, and the Webster Irrigation District No. 4, all a part of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 2466, to authorize and direct the exchange and conveyance of certain National Forest land and other land in southeast Arizona, S. 2788, to direct the exchange of certain land in Grand, San Juan, and Uintah Counties, Utah, and S. 2567, to maintain the

rural heritage of the Eastern Sierra and enhance the region's tourism economy by designating certain public lands as wilderness and certain rivers as wild a scenic rivers in the State of California, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gaddi H. Vasquez, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture, and John Clint Williamson, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues, Department of State, 3:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of R. David Paulison, of Florida, to be Under Secretary for Federal Emergency Management, Department of Homeland Security, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Andrew J. Guilford, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Frank D. Whitney, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on Border Security—Mission of the National Guard, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "Vehicle and Fuels Technology: Next Generation," 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 5117, To exempt persons with disabilities from the prohibition against providing section 8 rental assistant to college students; H.R. 4127, Data Accountability and Trust Act (DATA); H.R. 5341, Seasoned Customer CTR Exemption Act of 2006; H.R. 4804, FHA Manufactured Housing Loan Modernization Act of 2006; H.R. 3043, Zero Downpayment Pilot Program Act of 2006; H.R. 5347, HOPE VI Reauthorization Act of 2006; H.R. 5121 Expanding American Homeownership Act of 2006; and H.R. 5068, Export-Import Bank Reauthorization Act of 2006, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "Getting Ready for the '06 Hurricane Season," 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, to consider H. Res. 809, Directing the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents in the Secretary's possession relating to any existing or previous agreement between the Department of Homeland Security and Shirlington Limousine and Transportation, Incorporated, of Arlington, Virginia; followed by a hearing entitled "The Need for CFIUS Reform to Address Homeland Security Concerns," 1 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled “Examining the Progress of the DHS Chief Intelligence Officer,” 3:30 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property, to mark up the following: H.R. 1458, To require any Federal or State court to recognize any notarization made by a notary public licensed by a State other than the State where the court is located when such notarization occurs in or affects interstate commerce; H.R. 5454, To authorize salary adjustments for Justices and judges of the United States for fiscal year 2007; H.R. 5440, Federal Courts Jurisdiction Clarification Act of 2006; and H.R. 5439, Orphan Works Act of 2006, 4 p.m., Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 5429, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish and implement

a competitive oil and gas leasing program that will result in an environmentally sound program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal Plain of Alaska, 4:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards, hearing on the Views of the NIST Nobel Laureates on Science Policy, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines, oversight hearing on Understanding Contemporary Public Private Highway Transactions: The Future of Infrastructure Finance? 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up H.R. 4157, Health Information Technology Promotion Act of 2005, 4 p.m., 1100 Longworth.